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Application No.: 10/018,113 Filed: December 14, 2001

Group No.: 1652 Examiner: R. Hutson

For: Method of Modifying Peptide Synthetases Such That they can N-methylate Their Substrate Amino

Acids

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#### AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

#### **STATUS**

2. Applicant is a small entity. A statement was already filed.

#### **EXTENSION OF TERM**

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action dated February 27, 2003. Please enter the following:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 11-15 without prejudice in response to the restriction requirement

### **REMARKS**

## Restriction Requirement

The Examiner alleges that the presently pending claims are directed to five groups of inventions that are not linked to form a single general invention as defined under PCT Rule 13.1 The applicant disagrees, nevertheless elects Group 1 (with claims 1-10 reading on Group 1) without traverse to advance prosecution of the present application.